

KURIEN): (a) to (c). As a sequel to the discussions on Indo-EC Working Group for Industrial Cooperation held in New Delhi on 26th September, 1991, a delegation of European Manufacturers and Importers of Machine Tools, sponsored by European Committee for Cooperation of Machine Tool Industries (CECIMO) and the European Liaison Committee of Machine Tools Importers (CELIMO), visited India during IMTEX '92 Exhibition organised by All-India Machine Tool Manufacturers' Association from 7th to 16th March, 1992 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. During interaction with individuals, participants from both sides evinced interest for long-term collaboration and the discussions were focused on possibility of technology transfer, scope of sourcing of components and sub-assemblies from India; and imports and exports of machine tools between India and Europe. This visit helped the European visitors to understand the capability of Indian Industry as well as in identifying specific areas of collaboration. The Government encourages such collaborations. Machine tool being a high technology industry, is eligible for automatic foreign collaboration approval in terms of Press Note No. 10 of Industrial Licence Policy announced in July, 1991

[*Translation*]

#### **Faulty Water Tank in Nand Nagari**

6624. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the non-supply of water from the Water tank constructed in the Nand Nagari of Delhi even when there is shortage of water in this area;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the complaints regarding cracks in the said tank had been received immediately after its construction; and

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*English*]

#### **Special Arrangement for Storage Facility**

6625. SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to make special arrangements for the storage and preservation of potato, vegetables and fruits; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b). The National Horticulture Board (NHB) in collaboration with the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is implementing a scheme on strengthening of post harvest infrastructure of horticulture crops which provides short duration cold storage/pre-cooling units. The NHB is also providing assistance for installation of juice vending machines for marketing of fruit juices/ fruit based beverages.

Ministry of Food Processing Industry is implementing the following Schemes:-

(i) Schemes for Development of Food,

Fruit & Vegetable Processing Facilities in Rural Areas;

- (ii) Schemes for assistance to State Government under-takings and state level cooperatives for establishing or enlarging food, fruit and vegetable processing facilities.
- (iii) Development of infrastructure for mushroom cultivation and processing.
- (iv) Development of cold storage facilities at major Airports, Railway Stations and Production Centres.

#### Extension of Service

6626. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether no extension of service are to be granted either in Government or public sector companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) number of officers given extension of service during the last two years with reasons therefor;

(d) number of retired persons appointed on contract basis in government and in public sector undertakings during the last three years;

(e) the details of the policy on the subject and the reasons for appointing retired persons on contract basis thereby depleting the chances of the unemployed persons; and

(f) the details of the corrective steps taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c). Extension in service are not normally granted except in rare and exceptional circumstances purely in public interest. The extension is given by individual Departments and the information regarding number of officers given extension during last two years is not centrally available.

(d) to (f). Contract appointments are short term engagements made in public interest for making use of expertise of the appointees or to meet with specific short term contingencies. Bases on their expertise, suitable persons including retired persons can be considered for contract appointments. This policy is being continued to ensure that widest choice is available for such public appointments. The number of retired persons appointed on contract basis during the last three years is not centrally available.

#### Procedure for foreign Recruitments

6627. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure for foreign recruitment through the Government in different foreign countries;

(b) the number of foreign recruitments made in each of the last three years, country-wise and category-wise; and

(c) the details of the reservations for the Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes for such recruitment along with the number of S.T. & S.C. persons offered foreign recruitment in such schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Experts are de-